



06-09-04

THIN-03800

3739

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:  
S. Ward Casscells, III

Serial No. 09/740,147

Filed: December 17, 2000

For: Ablation of Atrial Fibrillation by  
Thermal Apoptosis

§ Atty. Dkt. No.: THIN-03800

§ Examiner: Johnson

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the U.S. Postal Service via Express Mail ET157746818US with sufficient postage in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, on the date below:

6.8.04 *Reyneth De Leon*  
Date Signature

AMENDMENT; RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED DECEMBER 8, 2003

**MS: Non-Fee Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

**RECEIVED**

JUN 21 2004

TECHNOLOGY CENTER 3700

Dear Sir/Madam:

This is a reply to the Office Action mailed December 8, 2003, setting a three-month statutory period for response and extended by the petition for extension of time attached hereto.

Please enter the following amendments and remarks into the record.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 4 of this paper.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application: